

5 **TEXT SEARCH ORDERED ALONG ONE OR MORE DIMENSIONS**

ABSTRACT

10 This document discusses, among other things, systems and methods for
searching for relevant documents in a document corpus. Using, among other things,
15 text provided by a user's query, the system undertakes a dynamic search process that
includes at least one ordered sequence of searches. The results of a first search are
evaluated to determine how to formulate a second or subsequent search, whether to
perform a second or subsequent search, or whether or how to present to the user
results from the search or searches performed up to that point. In one example, the
15 first search uses tight criteria in conjunction with the language of the user's query. If
the number of documents in the search results do not meet or exceed a threshold
value, the search criteria is progressively loosened over subsequent searches. The
search list may depend on, among other things, a characteristic of the user query or
upon a result returned by a previous search on the user query.

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